



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



**TO:** Municipal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency Management Directors

**FROM:** William P. Shea, Deputy Commissioner

**DATE:** March 25, 2013

**RE:** 2013 Statewide Severe Weather Exercise Introduction

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I am writing to you to introduce this year's Statewide Severe Weather Exercise. In accordance with the Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI), the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is charged to conduct an annual statewide exercise. Like the highly successful 2012 exercise, all municipalities are encouraged to participate.

This year's exercise is based on a Regional event, specifically a Severe Ice Storm, impacting the West/Northwest portion (DEMHS Region 5) of Connecticut. This scenario will allow us to exercise the Regional Emergency Support Plan in Region 5 while the other 4 DEMHS Regions respond in supporting roles. Based on information collected during the After Action Review (AAR) process from the 2012 EPPI Exercise, we are striving to complete this year's exercise prior to the summer vacation season. We are targeting a single day event, to be conducted on Thursday, June 20 and an optional repeat weekend day of Saturday, June 22, 2013. Each municipality is encouraged to open their EOC and convene their Unified Command as part of the exercise. More specific details, milestones, and dates will follow this memorandum.

This memorandum along with supporting products and exercise update messages will be posted on the DESPP/DEMHS website at [www.ct.gov/demhs](http://www.ct.gov/demhs). If you have any questions, or if you require any additional information regarding the 2013 Statewide Severe Weather Exercise, please contact us at DEMHS via e-mail at [demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov](mailto:demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

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